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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: John C. Reed

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Examiner: Schwartzman, Robert A.

For: REGULATION OF BCL-2 GENE
EXPRESSION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.

It is estimated that no additional fee is required for filing this response. In the event an additional fee is necessary, please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 32-52 without prejudice, and add new claims as follows:

~~53. An anticode oligomer complementary to bcl-2 mRNA consisting of from 10-35 bases and comprising the nucleotide sequence TCTCCCAGCGTGCGCCAT (SEQ ID NO:17).~~

~~54. An anticode oligomer, wherein said anticode oligomer is an antisense oligonucleotide complementary to a portion of the pre-mRNA encoding the bcl-2 gene.~~

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